Democrats, though he had much strength, the conditions of availability were strongly against him. On June 28th, just before the Democratic convention, Schurz wrote to Bayard: " We are together against Elaine and for honest government* I should be glad to see you in the presidential chair on the 4th of March, 1885. If my vote could put you there I should not hesitate a moment. If you are nominated I shall work for your election to the best of my ability." Bayard was then urged, in case his own nomination became clearly impossible, to throw his influence in favor of Cleveland, as the only other Democrat who could secure the Independent vote and defeat Elaine. To this policy Bayard very cordially assented: "I hold and shall treat all personal questions and ambitions as quite secondary to the chief object, a nomination by the Democratic convention which shall justify the combination of all the opposing forces to Blaineism."

As soon as the two parties had put their candidates in the field, the organization of the anti-Elaine Republicans proceeded rapidly and absorbed practically the whole time and energy of Mr. Schurz. The line of action was that of co-operation but not coalescence with the Democrats. " Republican and Independent" associations were formed to carry on the campaign, but long before it was ended the sprightly malice of the New York *Sun* made " Mugwump ** the usual designation for these Independents. On July 22nd they held a

national conference at New York and promulgated an address defining their policy. The meeting was planned and the address was written by Mr. Schurz. A national headquarters was established at 35 Nassau Street, New York, where he had general supervision and his suggestions were carefully followed

On August 5th he opened the speaking campaign by an address in Brooklyn. Its specific feature was a dispassionate